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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY

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1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES HELPFUL BACKGROUND ON U.S. PUERTO RICO POSITION (REFTEL) IN WAKE VISIT TO BUCHAREST OF PUERTO RICAN SOCIALIST PARTY DELEGATION TO ROMANIA (REPORTED BUCHAREST 1374).

2. WE ARE PREPARED TO REMIND GOR OF USG POSITION, STRESSING PUERTO RICO'S SELF-GOVERNING STATUS AS SET OUT IN REFTEL. WE NEED FURTHER EXPLANATION, HOWEVER, OF WHAT REFTEL MEANS IN USE OF PHRASE "OFFICIAL INVITATIONS SUCH AS THOSE EXTENDED ... DO NOT FALL WITHIN RANGE OF THOSE WE SANCTION".

3. SINCE THE NATIONALISTIC ROMANIANS ARE LIABLE TO BRIDLE AT
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ANY HINT THAT SOMEBODY MAY BE TELLING THEM WHOM THEY CAN OR

CANNOT INVITE TO ROMANIA, WE NEED AT LEAST SOME PRECEDENTIAL OR LEGAL ARGUMENTS FOR SAYING WE "DO NOT SANCTION" SUCH A VISIT FROM A TERRITORY WHICH WE HOLD TO BE SELF-GOVERNING, ESPECIALLY WHEN VISIT WAS PARTY-TO-PARTY AND "FRIENDLY" NOT "OFFICIAL". VARIOUS UNPALATABLE DELEGATIONS FROM THE UNITED STATES OFTEN VISIT ROMANIA AND OTHER EE COUNTRIES, ABOUT WHICH WE HAVE NOT BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COMPLAIN. FOR EXAMPLE, THE CPUSA SENT REPRESENTATIVES TO ROMANIAN CP'S PARTY CONGRESS LAST YEAR, AND WE NOTE CPUSA MEMBERS HAVE REGULARLY VISITED MOSCOW WHERE THEIR PUBLICIZED REMARKS HAVE BEEN BLATANTLY HOSTILE TO U.S. POLICY. WE ASSUME IT IS NOT INTENDED THAT U.S. GET INTO POSITION OF TRYING ACTIVELY TO DISCOURAGE CONTACTS WITH ALL BUT MAJOR POLITICAL PARTIES IN U.S.

4. WHILE PUERTO RICAN VISIT MAY BE CUBAN-INSPIRED OR DESIGNED TO GAIN EE SUPPORT, IT ALSO DOVETAILS WITH GOR'S EAGER QUEST FOR WAYS TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH JUST ABOUT ANY AND ALL POLITICAL FORCES IN WORLD WHERE ROMANIAN MIGHT FIND FAVOR FOR OWN INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE SUPPLEMENTARY GUIDANCE.

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